

MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2000  
PARAMEDIC TASK FORCE MEETING  
Alameda County EMS Agency

MEMBERS	EMSA STAFF	ALTERNATES	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Debbie Becker	Richard McSherry	Michael Harris	Dean Anderson	Jim Allen
Nancy Casazza	Nancy Steiner	Nancy Justin	Bill Bower	Linda Anderson
Bill Cody	Connie Telford	Dave Magnino	Jim Holbrook	Dick Mayberry
Carol Gunter	Daryl Walker	Mike Metro	Sabina Imrie	David Nevins
Marshall Morton			Bill Koenig	Frank Pratt
Jan Ogar			Kevin Rittger	
Tony Pallitto				
Sam Stratton				
Kevin White				
				AUDIENCE
				<u>PRESENT</u>
				None

**I Review and Approval of December 14, 1999 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved with no changes.

**II Setting of the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**III Paramedic Task Force Members' Statement on Scope of Practice** (Carol Gunter, Sam Stratton, Frank Pratt)

The Statement on Scope of Practice and transmittal letter were sent to Richard Watson last week. He will send the documents out to the various EMS constituent groups for comments. Nancy Steiner will provide a matrix of the comments to the Paramedic Task Force (PTF) for the opportunity to review them and make any changes to the statement based on the comments received before taking further action on the position paper.

**IV Draft Model Disciplinary Guidelines**

Review Board

The Oral/Skills Board proposal will become an addendum to the Model Disciplinary Orders (MDO) and will refer to MDO numbers 14 & 15. The objective of the Oral/Skills Board is to test a person that has been shown to be deficient in skills or knowledge to prove competency. To clarify the purpose of the Oral/Skills Board it will be renamed Review Board.

The PTF discussed the composition, qualifications, and the number of members of the Review Board. After much discussion the PTF members voted that the composition of the Review Board and number of members should remain as in the proposal, but some of the qualifications were changed. The PTF members also voted that the paramedic member of the Review Board must qualify as a preceptor as defined by regulation. Richard McSherry will rewrite the Review Board proposal with the changes identified and send it out on the list serve.

Item #18 Stress/Anger Management

Jan Ogar reported that there is no Bureau of Private Post Secondary and Vocational Education approved standard for a stress/anger management course, however, the requirements for domestic violence courses are mandated in law (Penal Code Section 1203.097). This Code Section can be found in the state law library on the Internet for research to see if the language can be applicable to EMS. The PTF members voted on the changes to MDO #18 (17 in next revision) Stress/Anger Management which will be updated in the next revision. Richard McSherry will research the accessibility of these courses.

Item # 20 Review of Run Reports

Nancy Justin, Jan Ogar and Dean Anderson provided new language for MDO 20 (19 in next revision), Review of Run Reports, for the PTF to review. There was some concern that a paramedic would not be able to meet this condition if he/she were not employed. There was also some question whether or not an employer would agree to cooperate to allow the paramedic to meet this condition. The PTF decided to replace Review of Run Reports with Performance Improvement Plan which will be updated in the next revision.

Other items pertaining to the Model Disciplinary Orders

The PTF members present reviewed the introduction to the Model Disciplinary Orders and made minor changes which will be sent to all of the PTF members on the list serve.

Another issue brought forward was requiring that a paramedic be employed in order to fulfill the terms of probation as in the Standard Probation Conditions that the BRN uses. Jan Ogar and Nancy Justin will draft language for the PTF to discuss regarding this issue and the possibility of adding another model number which uses language similar to the BRN requirement.

Daryl Walker asked the PTF members to revisit the disciplinary actions for violation number 1-- fraud in the procurement of a license. He described a case in which a paramedic, applying for his 3rd renewal, came forward and reported a conviction that he did not disclose on his initial application for fear that the application would be denied. Richard McSherry will rewrite the possible disciplinary actions for further discussion at the next meeting. Jan Ogar will call the BRN for input and EMSA will review the material from the Medical Board.

**V      Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p. m.